serve Bank of India does not yield separate information for loans below Rs. 10,000/-.

(b) The information regarding loans of Rs. 10 lakhs and above as on the last Friday of June, 1983, 1984 and 1985 (latest available) is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) The bank loans are given on need based requirements and there is considerable variation in the credit requirements of different categories of borrowers. The Government have launched a number of subsidy supported schemes for improving the borrowing capacity of weaker sections. The banks have also been given specific targets for lending to weaker sections of society.

Statement

Information regarding Loans of Rs. 10 lakhs and above for three years (last available) in respect of 28 Public Sector Banks

(As on the Last Friday of June)

(*Amount in Rs. crores*)

	Credit Limit more than Rs. 10 lakhs
1983 :	
1. No. of Accounts*	3322
2. Credit Limit Sanctioned	26860 21
3. Amount Outstanding	17750 70
1984	
1. No. of Accounts*	37577
2. Credit Limit Sanctioned	28306.64
3. Amount Outstanding	20385 52
1985 :	
1 No. of Accounts*	47343
2. Credit Limit Sanctioned	32611 30
3. Amount Outstanding	23881 06

*The accounts over individuals, Companies, Corporations etc.

Visit of Chairman, Fairfax under a False Passport

3231. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mr. Hershman, the Chairman of Fairfax visited India by the end of 1986 under a false name and under a false passport;

(b) if so, whether Mr. Bhure Lal, the Chief of the enforcement Bureau of the Ministry of Finance knew about his visit which took place under false name and false passport when he met Mr. Hershman to settle the deal; and

(c) if so, what were the reasons for such illegal action by Mr Bhure Lal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, (SHRI B. K GADHVI): (a) to (c) Various aspects of the issues relating to Fairfax Group Inc. of USA have been looked into by Justices Thakkar-Natarajan Commission of Inquiry. The Commission has submitted its report on 30th November 1987 which is being examined.

Availability of Water in India

3232 SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total TMC of water available in India from all resources;

(b) how much quantity is utilised and how much is wasted;

(c) what is the position regarding Maharashtra; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to have a water transport or linking of the major rivers such as Ganga-Cauvery or Ganga-Brahmaputra-Cauvery etc. for the purpose of water transport or to increase the national irrigation potential?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The estimated surface water potential of the country is about 180 million hectare meters of which about 70 million hectare meters is reckoned as utilisable and over 45 per cent of this is being actually utilised. The utilisable ground water is about 42 million hectare meters and the present utilisation is nearly a fourth of it.

(c) Regarding Maharashtra utilisable ground water resource is about 3.4 million hectare meters of which about 20 per cent being utilised. Such estimates in respect of surface water are not maintained.

(d) A National Perspective for water resources development has been formulated envisaging transfer of surplus water to deficit areas by inter-linking of rivers and construction of storages The perspective has two components and its peninsular rivers development component is under study by an organisation set up for this purpose.

3233 *[Transferred to the 10th December,* 1987]

Nationalisation of Textile Industry

3234 SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an official report has been submitted to the Prime Minister proposing for the nationalisation of the textile industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Prime Minister's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Issues to be discussed with the E.E.C. Commission

3235. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several economic issues including heavy trade deficit faced by India are to be discussed with the Commissioner of European Economic Community (EEC) Mr. Claude Cheysson; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The proposed visit of the EEC Commissioner to India has been postponed until a new schedule is determined as per mutual convenience.

Incentives to Export Firms

3236 SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India has suggested to Government to initiate a scheme to grant special facilities to the award winning export firms so as to provide them sufficient encouragement to increase foreign exchange earnings; and

(b) if so what is Government's reaction thereto?